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EXAMINER

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Advisory Action	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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THE REPLY FILED 18 August 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
 2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: see continuation sheet.

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see continuation sheet.
 6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
 7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: none.

Claim(s) objected to: 17,36-38,54 and 56.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-4,6-14,16,18,20-35,39,40,42-53,56 and 57.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 58-62.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.
 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
 10. Other: _____

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Continuation Sheet

Continuation of 2. Note: Newly Amended claim 1 raises new issues requiring a novel search and further consideration because it now recites “with a laminating adhesive, said laminating adhesive comprising air flow management means”. Also, claim 21 now recites “a substrate layer bonded to said back face of said film with an adhesive, said adhesive comprising air flow management means” and claim 40 recites “with a laminating adhesive, said laminating adhesive comprising air flow management means.”

Continuation of 5. because: Applicant’s arguments are drawn to a proposed claim amendment which is not being entered; thus, the arguments are not commensurate in scope with the claims.

Response to Applicant’s Arguments

1. Applicant’s arguments in the response filed August 18, 2004 regarding the previous 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections of record have been considered but are deemed unpersuasive.

Applicant argues that the prior art of record does not teach the newly added limitation “laminating adhesive comprising air flow management means,” which has been added to the independent claims 1, 21, and 40.

Applicant’s arguments are not commensurate in scope with the claims, since Applicant’s arguments are drawn to the proposed claim amendment which is not being entered. As discussed in the interview on August 17, 2004, the limitation “air flow management means” is broader in

scope then the indicated allowable subject matter "air vent channels" (claims 17, 36 and 54). Therefore, a novel search and further consideration is necessary.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alicia Chevalier whose telephone number is (571) 272-1490.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon, can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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